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ATTACK OF THE BLUES OVER

WASHINGTON CHEERFUL AGAIN.

JAPAN READY TO GIVE MORE GROUND.

LONDON, January 23.

A bad attack of the blues regarding the conference has been recently afflicting Washington, but there is a more cheerful feeling now, partly in consequence of President Harding's pointing out that the pessimist has not been justified and it is not fair to criticise work only half done.

The *Morning Post's* Washington correspondent suggests that in the next few days China will be required either to accept the Japanese Shantung proposals or definitely reject them and give substantial reasons for rejection.

The conference will then proceed to consider the Siberian question. The correspondent adds that the Japanese are prepared to announce immediate evacuation of Siberia and a resolution recognising the territorial integrity of Russia will be adopted. Japan is also prepared to abandon certain of the Twenty One Demands, namely those giving her monopolistic rights and political control as contrary to the agreements already reached by the conference.

TREATIES WITH CHINA.

It is interesting to note that the resolution adopted relative to agreements concerning China binds the powers to file all such treaties "which they deem to be still in force and upon which they may desire to rely," while every such treaty or agreement concluded hereafter shall be notified within 60 days to the powers. China must also notify all agreements with outside governments or nationals. It is understood to be the view of the United States Government that any questionable commitments that may have been entered probably will not be made public but will be allowed to go by the board and that in the event of a conflict of interests being disclosed by the filing the way will be open for their adjustment.

JAPANESE READY TO EVACUATE SIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, January 23.

Baron Shidehara has made an important statement to a meeting of the Far Eastern Committee to the effect that Japan has no territorial designs in Russia and Japanese troops will be withdrawn directly a stable government is established. It is understood that Saghalien Island is included in the intention with other parts of Siberia. The statement has greatly gratified the other delegates. The Siberian question will be discussed at tomorrow's session.

HOLLAND AND PORTUGAL.

LONDON, January 23.

It is reported from Washington that Holland and Portugal having drawn the attention of the Conference to the fact that their Far Eastern possessions are not protected in the four power treaty it was at first proposed that this should be corrected by a separate treaty or an annex to another treaty, but it has now been decided that they shall be safeguarded by an exchange of identity notes.

POPE'S OBSEQUES.

GORGEOUS MEDIAEVAL PROCESSION.

LYING IN STATE CEREMONY.

Rome, January 23.

The death certificate for the Pope sent to the Municipality by the Holy See says that the Pope died of influenza broncho-pneumonia.

The body of the Pope has been transferred from the throne room to St. Peter's for the lying in state. In the morning a gorgeous mediaeval procession headed by the Sediarii followed by the Bussolati in red brocade carrying lighted candles, the mace bearers, the noble guards, the Swiss guards, the Vatican clergy in surplices, the cardinals in violet, and the Knights of the Cape and Sword in mediaeval costumes.

On arrival at St. Peter's the silence was broken by the Sistine Choir singing "Libera me Domine." The Canon of St. Peter's solemnly sprinkled the remains with holy water and pronounced absolution.

The body, lying in a catafalque, was richly robed, jewels sparkling from the mitre and the golden clasp of the cope. It has been placed in the Chapel of the Holy Sacrament guarded by two noble guards standing motionless with drawn swords. Enormous crowds are flocking to St. Peter's.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

Paris, January 23.

Replying to numerous inquiries with regard to Chinese finances in connection with the Banque Industrielle de Chine, M. Lasterie, the Finance Minister, stated that the Chinese Government had hitherto opposed repayment of the 5 per cent. bonds issued in 1913 in spite of the frequent intervention of the French Government. Fresh steps were being taken in this connection. There is no question of a Chinese loan in France being prepared.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 1/8.

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GREAT LAKES CHANNEL SCHEME.

PRESIDENT HARDING KEEN.

WASHINGTON, January 23.

The National Agricultural Congress attended by 300 delegates representing all branches of agriculture and all industries related to farming has opened. President Harding, in an address declared that the feasibility of a waterway between the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence was not questioned. The heart of the American continent with its vast agricultural and industrial resources would thereby be brought into direct communication with all the ocean routes with very stimulating effect on the industrial life of the interior of the continent. He declared that the cost of the project was small compared with other great engineering works.

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS DEAD.

A WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST.

ATLANTIC CITY, January 23.

The well-known novelist, John Kendrick Bangs has died.

[Born at Yonkers, New York, in 1842, John Kendrick Bangs was educated at the Columbia University, New York. From 1884 to 1888 he was Managing Editor of *Life*, from 1888 to 1900 a member of the *Harper's Magazine* literary staff, and from 1900 to 1902 Editor of *Harper's Weekly*. Among his thirty books the best known are *Coffee and Repartee*, *A House-Boat on Styx*, *Mr. Bonaparte of Corsica*, *Ghosts I have Met*, *Mollie* and *The Uwise Man*, and *Alice in Municipalia*.]

CANCER RESEARCH.

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MONTREAL, January 23.

Beneficent action is announced by Lord Atholstan in a letter to the Principal of the McGill University. With the object of stimulating work in cancer research throughout the world his lordship offers a prize of \$100,000 to the graduate or student of any recognised university who within five years discovers medicinal treatment for the cure of cancer. The decision is left to the Royal College of Physicians London. The offer may be renewed.

BRITISH NAVAL LIMITATION.

DOCKYARD PROGRAMME REDUCED.

LONDON, January 23.

In pursuance of the Government's policy of economy disarmament orders have been received at the Rosyth dockyard to reduce the programme. Nearly 3,000 men consequently will be discharged at the rate of 200 a week, leaving a maximum staff of 26,000. An estimated saving of £100,000 a year will thus be effected.

BOLSHEVIKS RELEASE ARRESTED BRITON.

LONDON, January 23.

A message from Constantinople states that John Dodge has been released.

[A previous message stated: It is reported from Constantinople that Mr. John B. Dodge, who has been visiting Australia, China and North Persia investigating trade possibilities, has been arrested by Bolsheviks at Batum, and alleged to be a British secret service agent.]

SMUTS GOVERNMENT BESIEGED.

STRIKE POLITICAL WEAPON.

JOHANNESBURG, January 22.

Everything was quiet over the week-end. Two Nationalist leaders made speeches urging the miners to persist in the strike and do everything in their power to support the Nationalists in sweeping out the Smuts government.

PRINCESS MARY'S WEDDING.

DATE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

LONDON, January 23.

It is officially announced that Princess Mary's wedding has been fixed for February 28.

QUICK WORK.

LOAN AND SHARE ISSUES OVERSUBSCRIBED.

LONDON, January 23.

New issues of £30,000,000 three per cent. British local loans stock at 97 and Anglo-Persian Oil shares have been oversubscribed. The lists closed within an hour of opening.

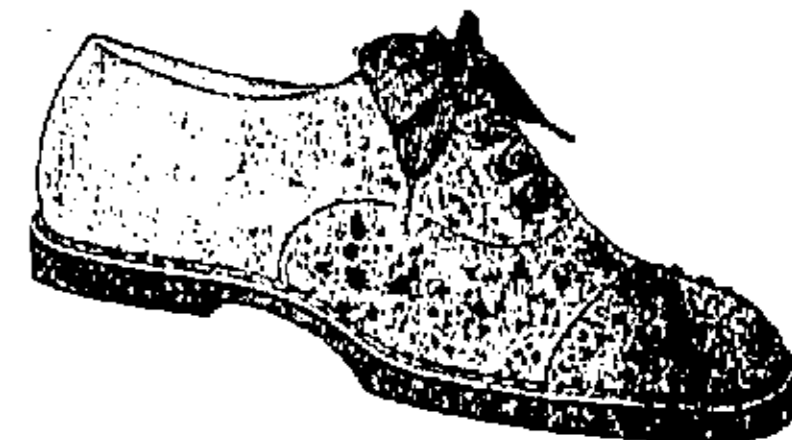
MOPLAH REBELS SHOT DEAD.

CALCUTTA, January 23.

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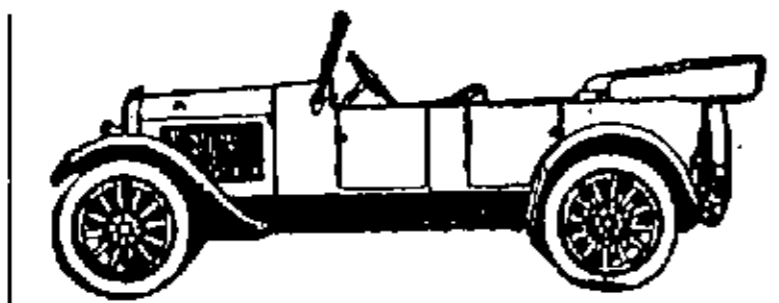
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THE CHINA MAIL.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND
PASSENGERS.PROJECTED DEPARTURE
CHINA COAST, ETC.(Owing to the Chinese seamen's strike
these dates cannot be relied on except
where the companies are not affected).

SWATOW.

Jan. 25.—I.C.S.N. Waishang.
26.—I.C.S.N. Hangsang.
27.—C.N. Linan.
28.—C.N. Tean.
29.—O.S.K. Foshu Maru.
30.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

AMOI.

Jan. 26.—O.S.K. Soshu Maru.
27.—O.S.K. Amakusa M.

SHANGHAI.

Jan. 26.—I.C.S.N. Hwangshang.
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Hughes & Hough
AUCTIONEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND ADMIRALTY.

Coal Contractors
General Brokers.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT),

ON

THURSDAY,
January 26, 1922, at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 6, Hampshire Buildings,
Kowloon,
Valuable Household Furniture,
&c., &c.,
therein contained—
Comprising—
Bedroom and Dining Room Suites,
Blackwood Cabinets, Chairs and Side
Tables, &c., &c.

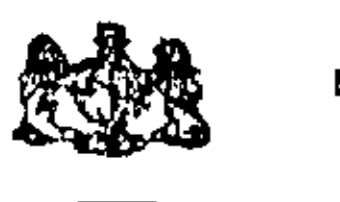
Also
Several Japanese Water Colours in
Blackwood Frames.
On view afternoon before date of Sale
Terms—Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 3, 1922.

THE Undersigned have received in
structions to sell by Public Auction,
By order of Mortgagees Ngan Kong Hei,
16, Des Voeux Road Central.

ON

MONDAY,
February 6, 1922, at 3 p.m.,
at their Sales Room, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Lee House Street,
SS "SUN TAK"
Twin Screw Passenger Steamer,
Steel built by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.
Newcastle on Tyne, Eng at Yammou
Length 260 feet 6 inches. Breadth
34 feet.

Engine by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.,
1 P. 1800, 2 Sets Triple Expansion
19 in x 30 in, 5 in. Stroke 3 in.
Boilers by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.,
two double ended working pressure
120 lbs.
Speed 10 1/2 knots, Revolutions
70, Consumption 28 tons, Net
Registered Tonnage 1,145 tons, Gross
Tonnage 1,650 tons, Dead Weight
Capacity 1,530 tons including
Bunkers.
Bunker Capacity 280 tons, Water
Tank 160 tons and extra.
Steam Steering Gear & Electric
Light. Shade Deck & Main Deck.
PASSENGER CAPACITY 320.
LICENSED.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 14, 1922.



THE Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction.

ON

TUESDAY,
the 7th February, 1922, at 9.30 a.m.,
at H.M. Naval Dockyard, Hongkong,
About 77 lots Firewood Packing
Cases, Whiting, &c., &c.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers in the Government.
Hongkong, January 20, 1922.

FOR SALE.

6 Cly Hudson wire wheels two spare
wheels and complete Equipment
in thoroughly sound running condition.
For price & particulars apply
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in this Company will be held at the
Company's Office Victoria Buildings on
FRIDAY, 10th February, 1922, at 12
o'clock NOON, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors
together with the Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on WED-
NESDAY, 1st February, to FRIDAY,
10th February, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
The Hongkong Land Investment
& Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land & Building
Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 23, 1922.

INTIMATIONS.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together
with a statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
The General Agents,
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the EIGHTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine
Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Thursday,
26th January, 1922, at 11.45 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the report of
the Directors together with a statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
The General Managers,
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG LAND
RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at
12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors
together with a statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at 12.15 p.m.
for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with a state-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
ORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany Union Building, on TUESDAY,
February 7th, 1922, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving a Report
of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend
and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from Janu-
ary 24th to February 7th, 1922, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Transfer Books of the above
Company will be CLOSED from 28th
January to 7th February, 1922, both
days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

INTIMATIONS.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

BANK HOLIDAY,
MONDAY, 30th January.

A TEA AND DINNER DANCING
will be held on MONDAY, 30th
January.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE
COMPANY will be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street,
Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,
on WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1922, AT
NOON, for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the fol-
lowing Resolutions as Extraordinary
Resolutions namely:—

(1) That the Authorised Capital of
the Company (which is now
\$2,500,000 consisting of 250,000
shares of the nominal value of
\$10 each whereof 219,000 shares
have been issued) be increased
from \$2,500,000 consisting of
250,000 shares to \$5,000,000 (consist-
ing of 500,000 shares of the
nominal value of \$10 each) by the
creation of 250,000 additional
shares of the nominal value of
\$10 each ranking (subject to
hereinafter mentioned) as from
date of allotment for dividend
and in all other respects pari-
passu with the shares constituting
the Company's present issued
Capital.

(2) That 109,550 shares be offered
(in the proportion of one new
share for every complete number
of two old shares held by them
respectively) to the persons who
on the date of the confirmation of
this Resolution are registered in the
Company's Share Register as the
holders of the said 219,000 shares
at a premium of \$3 per share and
so that allotment the nominal
amount due in respect of such
109,550 shares plus the said
premium of \$3 per share shall be
payable as follows:

Date of Payment	Amount payable in respect of the nominal value of each share	Amount payable in respect of the premium on each share	Total
15th March 1922	\$3	\$2	\$5
15th August 1922	\$3	\$2	\$5
15th March 1923	\$1	\$1	\$2
	\$10	\$5	\$15

"and further that until such time
as the said 109,550 shares shall
be fully paid up they shall, vis a
vis the said 219,000 shares, only
rank for dividend in proportion
to the ratio borne by the amount
paid up thereon to the full
nominal value (\$10) thereof, and
that any of the said 109,550
shares which shall not be taken
up by the Company's Share-
holders in manner aforesaid be
disposed of in such manner as
the Company's Board of Directors
shall think fit."

(3) That the balance of the shares
constituting the Company's un-
issued Capital be issued at such
time or times, in such manner
and upon such terms and condi-
tions in every respect as the
Company's Board of Directors
may decide.

(4) That no Shareholder shall be
entitled to any offer of a frac-
tion of an additional share in
respect of any old share held by
him."

Should the above Resolutions be
passed by the requisite majority, they
will be submitted for confirmation as
Special Resolutions to a SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING to be held at the HONG-
KONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, afore-
said on SATURDAY, the 18th day
of February, 1922, at 11 A.M. for
the purpose of considering and, if thought
fit, confirming such Resolutions as
Special Resolutions accordingly.

Dated this Twentieth Day of Janu-
ary, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,
Secretary.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong-
kong, on SATURDAY, the 4th Feb-
ruary, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1921.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
25th January, to the 6th February,
(both days inclusive), during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

25 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS,
\$1. PREPAID.
Every additional word 4 Cents
for 3 insertions.

WANTED.

WANTED by married couple and
family for 1st May or earlier
Groomed House or flat with Tennis
Court Hongkong or Kowloon. Fur-
nished or partly furnished. Apply to
Box 1319 to "China Mail."

TO LET.

TO LET—GROUND FLOOR,
Premises of Lusitano Club,
Duddell Street. For particulars apply
THE GENERAL EXCHANGE CO., LTD.,
10, Des Voeux Road, Central.

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOK.

Secret of St. Paul's.

"An adorable sham," was the
epithet conferred on the dome of St.
Paul's Cathedral by Mr. E. P. Ogleby
during his lecture at 1, Carlton-
garden, W. Speaking to a reporter
an engineer said, "The dome is a
sham in the sense that it pretends to
carry the 700 tons of stone lantern,
the ball, and the cross, when it really
does nothing of the kind. The Tower
Bridge is equally a 'sham' because
its masonry does not carry the weight
of the balanced bascules." The
exterior dome of St. Paul's is simply
a shell braced with timber supports.
What really bears the lantern is a
great cone of brickwork entirely
invisible from the outside and from
the interior of the cathedral. Round
the base of this cone is a great
wrought iron chain, placed there by
Wren to prevent the cone from
spreading and collapsing. Beneath
the cone is the ornate and graceful
dome seen from the body of the
cathedral.

Prohibition
Prohibition interests in the United
States are finding it more difficult
every day to enforce the unpopular
law and in a desperate effort to
curtail the flow of liquor even the
conservative Board of Temperance,
Prohibition, and Public Morals of the
Methodist Episcopal Church publicly
advocate that bootleggers should be
shot at sight. This startling recom-
mendation is contained in the "Clip
Sheet," the official publication of the
organisation. After recounting in-
stances where men breaking the
liquor law accumulate fortunes in a
few months as contrasted with the
poverty of hardworking, honest men,
the article urges that Prohibition
officers and policemen should deal
with bootleggers in a way to make
the trade exceedingly unhealthy and
unpopular. "Treat 'em rough,"
Churchmen urge, "because the boot-
legger is worth a lot more to the
country dead than alive."

Our Alphabet not Sufficient.

Mr. James M'Laren, expounding a
new phonetic alphabet at the sitting
of the British Association at Edin-
burgh, emphasised the loss of time,
which he estimated at a third of the
time spent at school, caused
by our system of spelling, which he
declared, was at root of all the failures
of our system. He quoted a report
on the enormous results of the in-
roduction of a phonetic alphabet in
China. We have 24 letters in all,
and 49 sounds and five vowels to
represent 16 sounds: or, to put it in
another way, 120 ways of represent-
ing 16 vowel sounds. For instance
the word "grow" might be written
in 16 different ways. He estimated
the loss caused by "our horrible
system" at 50 millions a years, and
it handicapped our children in com-
petition with foreign, who could
learn their alphabet in three months.

1,000-Guinea Watch.
A thousand guineas is to be paid by
an American scientist for a watch in
the making of which a score of men
have been employed. The watch is
the most intricate and complex one
in the world," the manager of Messrs. S.
Smith and Son, Ltd., of Trafalgar
square, W.C., the makers, told a re-
porter. "It is an astronomical watch,
and it tells, in addition to ordinary
time, the moon phases, the equation
of time, or the position of the sun
before and after the clock, the move-
ment and constellations of stars, and
many other chronological facts. "It
has taken some years to make, for we
had the order before the war, and the
work was delayed. Now we have just
completed the assembling of all its
various parts." Some special func-
tions of the watch are those of a clock
watch striking hours, quarters, and
minutes in passing, and also repeating
hours, quarters, and minutes at any
time as well. It is also capable of
chime as well as of silent work. On the
back of the watch there is a dial of
the 24 hours or sidereal day.

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Butcher Meat.

	Jan. 24, 1922.	June 1921.	June 1920.
Beef Sirloin, — Mel Long Pa ... lb.	30	24	12
Prime Cut ... lb.	30	24	12
Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk ... lb.	25	23	20
Roast, — Shin ... lb.	20	24	22
Roast, — Ngau Nam ... lb.	20	20	18
Soup, — Tong Yuk ... lb.	22	20	18
Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa ... lb.	30	24	22
Steak Sirloin, — Ngau Lan ... lb.	40	30	30
Sausages, — Ngau Chong ... lb.	25	25	20
Bullock's Brains, — Ngau No per set	8	10	12
Tongue, fresh, — Ngau Li each 70	60	60	60
Tongue, corned, — Ham Ngau Li	40	—	—
each 85 cents	—	—	—
Head, — Ngau Tao ... each 1.50	1.90	1.20	—
Heart, — Ngau Sam ... lb.	15	13	14
Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kio ... lb.	25	20	18
Foot, — Ngau Kenk ... each 10	10	12	—
Kidneys, — Ngau Yin ... lb.	10	10	12
— Ngau Mel ... lb.	20	20	22
Liver, — Ngau Kon ... lb.	15	13	14
Tripe (unpressed), Ngau To lb.	6	7	—
Olives Head and Feet, — Ngau-tak- tan each ... set \$1.20	1.00	1.00	—
Mutton Chop, — Young Pei Kwai lb.	40	25	25
Leg, — Young Pei ... lb.	40	26	25
Shoulder, — Young Shau ... lb.	36	24	24
Saddle, — Young On Yuk ... lb.	47	16	—
Pig's Chilling, — Chu Chong ... lb.	25	27	—
Brains, — Chu No ... per set	2	22	12
Feet, — Chu Kenk ... lb.	20	16	—
Fry, — Chu Chai ... lb.	25	16	18
Head, — Chu Tao ... lb.	20	20	—
Heart, — Chu Sam ... each 15	10	10	—
Kidneys, — Chu Yiu ... each 10	10	8	—
Liver, — Chu Kon ... lb.	39	30	24
Pork Chop, — Chu Pei Kwai ... lb.	30	25	23
Leg, — Chu Pei ... lb.	36	28	27
Loin, — Chu Han Yiu ... lb.	24	28	—
Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau ... lb.	12	21	—
Sheep's Head and Feet, — Young Tau Kenk ... each 75	60	70	—
Heart, — Young Sam ... each 10	8	7	—
Kidneys, — Young Yiu ... each 10	12	10	—
Liver, — Young Kon ... lb.	40	26	26
Sitting Pig, to order, — Chu Tai ... lb.	24	25	23
Sheep, Roast, — Shang Nuan Yau ... lb.	25	20	18
Mutton, — Shang Young Yau ... lb.	40	28	24
Veal, — Ngau Tai Yuk ... lb.	21	20	19
Sausages, — Ngau Tai Chong ... lb.	20	20	—
No. 1 ... lb.	26	—	—

Fish.

Barbel, — Ka Yu ... lb.	32	19	24
Bream, — Pin Yu ... lb.	26	27	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hol Shu Yu ... lb.	24	18	16
Carp, — Li Yu ... lb.	26	15	27
Crabs, — Chik Yu ... lb.	28	20	8
Crabs, — Mon Yu ... lb.	26	20	25
Crabs, — Tai Yu ... lb.	47	23	26
Crabs, — Mak Yu ... lb.	14	16	2
Crabs, — Shu Ma Yu ... lb.	67	23	16
Dace, — Wong Mel Lap ... lb.	10	10	9
Flat Fish, — Tit To Shu ... lb.	8	10	8
Flat Fish, — Hot Mao ... lb.	32	16	16
Fresh water, — Tan Shui Yu ... lb.	26	30	18
Yellow, — Wong Shu Yu ... lb.	32	28	30
Fish, — Tin Kail ... lb.	32	32	35
Gardens, — Shet Pan ... lb.	52	40	30
Gardens, — Pak Kap Yu ... lb.	18	18	15
Gardens, — Pak Pak Yu ... lb.	26	23	18
Gardens, — Chong Kwai Yu ... lb.	14	18	23
Gardens, — Wong Fa Yu ... lb.	24	22	18
Gardens, — Wn Yu ... lb.	48	22	24
Gardens, — Lung Yu ... lb.	40	52	21
Gardens, — Chi Yu ... lb.	24	20	26
Gardens, — Mong Yu ... lb.	42	32	28
Gardens, — Tai Yu ... lb.	20	18	2
Gardens, — Shang Ho Yu ... lb.	24	14	22
Gardens, — Pak Kau Yu ... lb.	14	16	9
Gardens, — Tan Lo ... lb.	28	20	15
Gardens, — Pa Pan Yu ... lb.	18	16	9
Gardens, — Pan Yu ... lb.	28	23	14
Gardens, — Hot Chong ... lb.	40	26	29
Gardens, — White Pak Chong ... lb.	48	38	30
Gardens, — Wing Fa ... lb.	60	36	45
Gardens, — Pa Pa Yu ... lb.	9	10	14
Gardens, — Pak Pak Yu ... lb.	14	12	18
Gardens, — Chun Yu ... lb.	32	22	16
Gardens, — Ma Yu ... lb.	31	36	31
Gardens, — Shu Yu ... lb.	10	8	10
Gardens, — Pa Yu ... lb.	12	10	10
Gardens, — Ha Yu ... lb.	45	28	35
Gardens, — Lap Yu ... lb.	60	32	30
Gardens, — Tai Shu Yu ... lb.	40	24	28
Gardens, — Wan Yu ... lb.	32	22	18
Gardens, — Tin Han Yu ... lb.	28	18	22
Gardens, — fresh water, — Kank Yu ... lb.	1.00	40	60

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BIRTHS.

WALLACE.—On January, 14, 1922,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
Dore Wallace, a daughter.

MOLONY.—On January 9, 1922, at
Hangchow, the wife of J. C.
Molony (Chinese Government
Railways) of a son.

ENCARNACION.—On January 10,
1922, at Shanghai to Mr. and Mrs.
A. d'Encarnacion, a daughter.

ALVES.—On January 16, 1922 at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Alves, a son.

CARVALHO.—On Wednesday, Janu-
ary 18, 1922, at Shanghai, to
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carvalho, a
daughter.

DEATHS.

GILES.—Dec. 17, at Cambrige, the
wife of Herbert A. Giles, aged 61.

HOTCHKISS.—Dec. 16, very suddenly
at Churchinford, Maurice F.
Hotchkiss, of Taunton, aged 43
years.

SHIELL.—Dec. 11, at Cupar, Fife,
Katherine Shiell widow of John
Shiell, and younger daughter of
late James Guthrie, Tarbolton,
Paisley, Glasgow in 73rd year.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 1922.

SERVICES AND STRIKES.

The late Sir William Ramsay once
wrote that "real gain, real progress,
consists in learning how better to
employ energy—how better to effect
its transformation." True as that is,
it lacks completeness. The acquire-
ment of effective control of energy is

gain; but progress in any genuine
sense of the word requires that we
should also learn when and how to
restrain from using it. William
Shakespeare has anticipated the
thought, where he speaks of the
goodness of a giant's strength and of
the badness of the giant's use of it.
We propose today to apply these
thoughts to the subject of the
employment by our local authorities
of the strength of the Services,
naval and military, in labour
disputes. Every case will, we
trust, continue to be regarded on
its merits, and any idea of laying
down a rule is absent from our minds.
In such matters rules would be sure
to misguide upon occasion. Our
government will be guided by cir-
cumstances and exercise its best
judgement, we may be sure, whatever
we may say. This ends our words
with greater freedom of comment. It
is not the first occasion on which
the Services have been called
upon to act in the places
of workers on strike. The recent
circumstances in which they saved
our city from being plunged in dark-
ness, by keeping the electricity works
going during a strike of fitters, is
fresh in memory. That was perhaps
well and fittingly done. It saved the
public from serious discomfort and
inconvenience, and it may be
averted crimes that darkness
would have favoured. The argu-
ment of Trade Unionists that the
forces of law and order should
not be used as strike-breakers could
scarcely be justly employed in such
a case, and the general principle they
would lay down cannot therefore be
made a useful rule. The Government
has no duty to employers as such,
and is under no real obligation to
assist their business, but it must per-
form its chief function of maintaining
social order and safety. We suggest
that the last abortive experiment,

in which naval men ran a steamer to
Canton and back, in the present
strike of sailors, was not so justified.
There was less occasion for it, having
regard to the public interest. It
must look like wisdom after the event
to say that both the Government and
the shipowners have "lost face" by
it; but we are obliged to point out
that it was not well considered. One
may point out that it was really an
altruistic thing to do, for our
Government owns a railway which
could and was designed to perform
the services rendered by the river
steamers, and its revenues would
benefit the more the longer these
competing steamers were held up.
It can therefore be acquitted of
selfish motives, but not praised for
tactical methods. We fear (and no
discreet silence on our part could
prevent the mischief now) that the
dispatch of that steamer bristling
with war-like equipment to Canton
has again offended our Chinese neigh-
bours, still ranking from a false step
we inadvertently made at the time of
President Sun's inauguration. We
have indeed heard that it had this
effect, and we regret it. Our Consul
in Canton appears to have had a
truer appreciation of the impropriety
than did those (whoever they were)
who were responsible for this useless
affront. It is possible that they and the
China Mail share identical opinions
of the prospects of the Canton Gov-
ernment. That has nothing to do
with things as they are. We for our
part recognize that even if our
neighbours are destined to fail
they are entitled to the courtesy due
to a neighbouring community that is
trying to achieve, and the scrupulous
consideration that is owing to the
self-respect of any established nation.
In short, we owe to any Chinese gov-
ernment the same treatment that we
would extend as a matter of course to
any European neighbour. We out-
here, official and unofficial have
been too apt to disregard the amour
propre of our neighbours. We
appear now to have provided them
with a direct temptation to make of
a merely sectional trade dispute some-
thing like an international quarrel.
The China Mail in the circumstances
can only trust that the superior good
sense of our neighbours, recognising
the nature of the circumstances, will
ignore the incident, or at least
discount it.

When the Prince Comes.

Those who have been furnishing up
their top hats and morning coats for
use when the Prince of Wales comes
to Hongkong will be disappointed, or
possibly relieved, to learn that,
though the island itself is to be
bedizened, sartorial trappings will
probably not be de rigueur. Singapore
has been wondering what it should
wear for the Race Meeting and other
day-time ceremonies which are to
take place when H.R.H. arrives
down there and the problem
has been settled by an official
announcement that "the public will
be glad to know that on all occasions
when plain clothes are worn, His
Royal Highness will appear in a lounge
suit and tie, or soft felt grey hat
after sundown." Apropos the Prince's
visit to Hongkong it is to be hoped
that when he lands on the Praya the
statues of his august parents will
not be obscured by decorations; also
that the statues are given a good wash
beforehand. They need it.

Australian Trade.

Mr. E. T. Sheaf, whose appointment
as an additional Australian trade
representative in the East was
announced last week has been up this
way before. A couple of years back
he was on a world tour collecting data
for the Kodak people and Hongkong
was one of the places he visited.
Hongkong, by the way has not heard
much of Mr. E. T. Sheaf who arrived
here with something of a flourish a
few months ago and subsequently
ensconced himself in Shanghai as
Australian trade commissioner to
China. He announced that a branch
office, with a "trade assistant" in
charge, was to have been appointed
to Hongkong but although thousands
are said to have applied in Australia
for the job nobody has shown up yet.
It is possible, of course, that Mr.
Sheaf's headquarters may be in
Hongkong but it is more likely that
he will have a roving commission
covering the Straits and India.

The Fat in the Fire.

Ever since the armistice, the
diplomatic fat in regard to France
has been falling gradually into the
fire. It began to sizzle in real earnest
at the disarmament conference; it is
spluttering again now in connection
with the international discussion of
economic problems. Each day's
cables makes it more clear that the
French attitude towards the great
effort being made to equilibrate
world relationships must be
reckoned amongst the most poignant
disappointments of the peace. Plain-
ly, she has failed to grasp the
animating principle of co-operation
behind it all. There are excuses to
be found for her, of course. But
what a noble example she is giving
to the rest of the world if, broken

and battle-scarred as she was, she
had headed the movement towards
world peace instead of dragging along
disgruntled in its wake. Lovers of
the old France—"the France," as
Mr. Wells puts it "of the great
Revolution, the France of art and
light, France the beautiful and
gallant"—are regarding her to day
with the tender sorrow of parents for
a well loved child that has grown up
to be disappointingly selfish and
small minded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Cable Communication with
America via Commercial Pacific Cable
has been restored.

Messrs. Yee Sang Fat advertise
special bargains for their big clearance
sale now in progress.

A solemn Pontifical Requiem
Mass for the late Pope Benedict XV
will be sung in the Catholic Cathedral
at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 26th
inst.

The boy ex Emperor of China
has arranged for a trip to the Western
Hills at China New Year. He will be
accompanied by his English tutor, Mr.
R. F. Johnston.

The second extraordinary general
meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Co.,
Ltd., to be held on Saturday, February
18 takes place at 11 a.m., not at noon
as previously advertised.

A proposal to increase the
authorised capital from \$855,000 to
\$1,500,000 will be considered by an
extraordinary general meeting of the
Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage
Co., Ltd., on February 14.

Mr. T. Tsubokami, Acting Consul
General for Japan, underwent a
surgical operation in the abdomen on
Sunday at the Civil Hospital. The
operation was successful but he is
still in a serious condition.

Lieut. C. I. Gordon, M.C., 2 22nd
Punjabis, has been appointed acting
Company Commander vice Captain
(Temporary Major) C. Leslie-Smith,
2 22nd Punjabis, appointed D.A.A.
and Q.M.G. (China Command).

An Army Order states that the
official designation of the King's
(Liverpool Regiment) was changed to
—"The King's Regiment (Liver-
pool)" and the title to be used in
official correspondence is—"The
King's Regiment."

Report of another robbery has
reached the police. During the ab-
sence of the occupier, a Chinese
woman, a Yaumati cubicle was en-
tered by a thief who stole jewellery
valued at \$300 from a rice jar in
which it had been hidden.

Not more than a line is re-
quired to remind dance enthusiasts
that the Kowloon Theatre's usual
cabaret dance takes place this (Tues-
day) evening. Not even a line is
necessary to remind them that a
thoroughly enjoyable evening is
assured. Tickets are \$1 each.

One imported case of small pox
and a case of enteric fever, both
Chinese, were the only instances of
notifiable disease reported during the
48 hours ended yesterday. Last week
three Chinese died from plague, three
from influenza, one from small pox,
and one from enteric fever. There
were also reported two cases of plague,
Chinese, one of small pox, Japanese,
one of paratyphoid fever, 1 dian, and
two of cerebro spinal fever, Chinese.

According to the Chinese press,
Chinese in Shanghai have discovered
an infallible safeguard against small
pox. Some genius has found that the
pigeon's eggs are "a topic food" and
the person dieted with the same is
in no danger of contracting small
pox. The rumour having spread
round the town, there has been a rush
to purchase pigeon's eggs, and the
same are now in great demand at the
extraordinary price of seven cents
apiece! Truly, as one editor observes,
the spectacle of the public gulled by a
silly rumour is "enough to make an
intelligent man laugh." And especial-
ly, we may add, the man who has
pigeons' eggs for sale, says the N.C.D.
News.

On behalf of the Hongkong Rope
Manufacturing Company Ltd. Mr.
C. G. Alabaster applied to the Chief
Justice on Saturday morning for con-
firmation of a special resolution
altering the Memorandum of Asso-
ciation of the Company. Counsel ex-
plained that the Company had vacant
land in Belcher Street, and having
a reserve of \$500,000, thought it desir-
able to build on it. The Chief Justice
thought the name of the Company
should be altered to indicate this
widening of the scope of its activities
and announced that he would reserve
his decision and read through cases
on the point. Mr. Alabaster was
given permission to fill another
affidavit stating what effect it would
have on the Company if its name had
to be changed.

MANY FRAUD CHARGES.

EVIDENCE AGAINST POLICE
CLERK.

Evidence was heard by Magistrate
Lindsell yesterday afternoon in the
preliminary hearing of the case
against Fateh Mohamed an employee
of the Police Accountant's Office, who
is charged on many counts with hav-
ing obtained goods from various firms
by false pretences, representing that
they were ordered by the Government;
with having forged Government vouch-
ers and pay sheets, and with con-
spiracy with one Aboni Santra, to
defraud the Government of several
thousand dollars. Aboni Santra
is further charged alone on one count
of having received a sum of money
from Fateh Mohamed on a voucher
which he knew, or had cause to know,
was forged.

Mr. Leo Longinotto appeared for
both accused. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg,
Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted
the prosecution.

The first witness called was a f-
ki of Messrs Ah Men. Hing Cheung,
tailors. He gave particulars of an
order by Fateh Mohamed for four
rugs for the St. John's Ambulance,
the bill to be sent to the accountant's
office, Police Headquarters.

Another witness from the same firm
said that the accused asked him to
make out two bills, one for No. 1
Ambulance, Hongkong, and the other
for No. 2 Ambulance, Kowloon.

Alexander Riach, storekeeper at the
Central Police Station, said that on
December 29, Fateh Mohamed
brought a parcel of rugs to the store
and asked that it be kept for him.
He took the parcel away the next day.

Questioned by Mr. Hazlerigg as to
the usual practice with regard to boots
for the Police Force, this witness said
that all boots are indented for from
the Crown agents in London, and
when received here were taken into
store. He added that no boots had
ever been received into store from the
Tung Sing firm, nor had any
furniture been received from any
of the firms mentioned in the
vouchers produced. The witness
said that he always signed his name
in full on bills respecting goods
received into store.

Mr. Hazlerigg told the Magistrate
that charges involved the forgery of
60 bills and altogether \$9,500, of which
\$6,800 had actually been paid out by
the Government. Fateh Mohamed
had been a third grade clerk for one
year at the time of his arrest, and
was for six years previously in a
junior grade. Aboni Santra was
a book-keeper employed by the
Automobile Trading Company.

Dealing with the first charge, Mr.
Hazlerigg said that after Fateh
Mohamed had taken the rugs out of
the police store he sent them to a
friend in Hollywood Road with a
chit saying that he would fetch them
the following day. In the meantime
he was arrested and Inspector Grant
took possession of the rug. Previous
to his arrest, the accused had
anticipated trouble by endeavouring
to "square" Station Officer Moss
of the Fire Brigade to say that the rugs
had been ordered by him. In this he
was unsuccessful. The accused was
responsible for the checking of bills
sent in to the Accountant Office for
payment for goods supplied and for
forwarding them to the storekeeper or
Station Officer for verification. After
the verification defendant had to
check the goods according to the
requisition and to see that discounts
had been deducted and also to compile
the necessary vouchers consolidating
these bills. The vouchers, of which
there were nine in this case, were
made out in defendant's name. The
bills had been initiated by Mohamed
in 56 cases out of 60. There were
four firms concerned in the case, the
Automobile Trading Company, the
Tung Sing, Yee Cheong Loong and
the Wing Kat Cheong, and the
methods employed differed. The first
concern were dealers in motor
accessories. Despite the fact that it
had had no dealings with the Govern-
ment four bills bearing the
name of the company were found
in the Accountant's Office. They
were in the handwriting of Santra,
the book-keeper of the firm. Mo-
hamed wrote a letter, introducing
Santra to the Treasury for the purpose
of collecting the money. Santra duly
presented himself and obtained the
sum. With regard to the Tung
Sing firm Mr. Hazlerigg said that
during the period covered by the
charges, the Government never
received from this firm the goods
mentioned in the bills, viz. boots.
Three of the bills were collected by
Santra. The bills bearing the names
of the firms of Yee Cheong Loong and
Wing Kat Cheong related to
furniture. They were forgeries. No
firm of the name of Wing Kat Cheong
could be found at the address
mentioned.

Further hearing was adjourned.

THE CHARGES.

The charges preferred against the
accused are set out as follows:—
That Fateh Mohamed on December
28, by means of false pretences,
ordered from Messrs Ah Men and

HOME TRADE.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY
MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co.,
Ltd., Manchester, reported as follows
on Wednesday, Dec. 21:—

The first effects of the latest
American crop estimate, on cotton
prices, has not been long maintained.
A good deal of buying set in on the
decline which took place, and in
addition predictions of much larger
consumption figures for the United
States and the Continent have helped
to check the selling pressure. Near
months have been the main source
of strength and started an
advance which has lifted values
to the level ruling before
the crop figures were issued. There
has been more enquiry for actual
cotton both at Liverpool and in
America, which has resulted in in-
creased sales. Although this may
no doubt be considered a healthy
symptom, it is hardly to be expected
there will be a sufficient amount of
business coming forward to cause any
substantial rise in values. Exchange
rates are still far too much out of
joint for this to be the case, for
in spite of recent slight
improvements in some of the European
rates, silver and the rates of the Far
Eastern silver using countries do not
appear to be favourable to any
general expansion of trading with
prices at their present level and these
countries are unable to find an
outlet for their produce. The free
interchange of commodities is in-
deed an absolute necessity
before trading can again become
anything like normal and it becomes
more apparent that the only means
of attaining this is that exchanges
must first attain much nearer to
parity. No doubt other factors are
contributing to the present stagnation,
but their effect is certainly not so
serious nor so widespread, and many of
them would quickly disappear if ex-
change values approached the normal.
The state of our market shows no
very definite improvement, although
there has been slightly more
enquiry and probably more business
has resulted. It is still of a very
scattered nature and there have been
no lots of any weight placed. There
are many weak sellers and prices
remain very irregular but generally
unchanged. China has done very little;
India has been again enquiring for
yarns and has bought a few light staple
goods. The Home Trade continues
if anything more active, and Java
has bought miscellaneous lots.

Hing Cheong & Co. four rugs, valued
at \$298, for the use of two motor-
ambulances.

That, during the month of Decem-
ber, he and another fraudulently con-
spired to obtain from the Government
of the Colony the sum of \$2,121.40.

That being employed in the cap-
acity of a clerk he made false entries
of material in a pay sheet for the
month of December, 1921.

That, with intent to defraud, he
caused the sum of \$2,140.40 to be
paid by the Colonial Treasurer to one
Lai Wing Nam, by falsely pretending
that certain bills, nineteen in number,
were bills of the Wing Kat Cheong
Shop, in respect of goods bought by
the Police Department.

That he caused this sum of money
(\$2,121.40) to be paid by means of
forged instruments.

That in the month of December
he made or concurred in making
false entries in two pay sheets, pur-
porting to show that the respective
sums of \$531.50 and \$725.25 were
due to the Wing Kat Cheong firm.

That Fateh Mohamed and Aboni
Santra between October 7 and
November 14 conspired together
to defraud the Government of Hong-
kong by falsely representing that nine
separate sums of money amounting
to \$1,307.60 were due to the Wing
Kat Cheong shop, and that three
sums of money, amounting to \$1,729,
were due to the Tung Sing Shop,
and that four sums of money amount-
ing to \$285 were due to the
Automobile Trading Co., purport-
ing that such sums were due for goods
supplied and repairs executed for the
Police and Fire Brigade Department.

That, between October 1, and
November 14 he caused the sum of
\$3,822 to be paid to Aboni Santra
(second defendant), by means of
forged instruments, for goods supplied
and repairs executed for the Fire
Brigade.

That Aboni Santra did receive
the above sum of money (\$3,822)
knowing same to have been forged.

The Fateh Mohamed in the months
of November and December, made
false entries in six pay sheets as stated
as follows:— \$345 due to Yee Cheong
Loong, \$282 due to Wing Kat Cheong,
\$970 due to Tung Sing, \$400 due to
Tung Sing, \$260 due to Wing Kat
Cheong.

That, between November 6 and
December 23, he caused the respec-
tive sums of \$345, \$282, \$260 to
be paid to the firms mentioned above,
knowing same to be forged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. TSE TSAN TAI AGAIN
REPROVES "ADVERSARIUS."

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It is evident, according to
your "Adversarius" of to day's date,
that I was quite right, when I wrote
that "Adversarius" would not rest
until he had got my scalp!

I complained that he deliberately
and persistently twisted and misinter-
preted what I had written, and I said
nothing about making use of the
ingenious weapon of "misquoting,"
as insinuated by him. But, isn't it
"twisting" and "misrepresenting,"
to quote without the context, and to
omit important qualifying phrases and
sentences?

I am afraid that if I were to engage
"China's" lawyer to act as
arbitrator, "Adversarius" would
certainly succeed in "twisting" him
around into his favour by his wonder-
ful logic!

I am, therefore, obliged to ask your
kind readers to act as arbitrators. I
note with pleasure that certain
famous scientists, including friend
"Adversarius," have declared them-
selves in favour of the theory that
Africa or America is the original home
of the Human Race, and it is now up
to them to convince the World that
they are right. There is nothing
better for the reconciliation of
Religion and Science, and the
advancement of the World than
healthy and friendly rivalry among
scientists. They should not lose their
temper and malign each other; and
friendly criticism and a little healthy
banter is beneficial, at times! But,
"Adversarius" should know that
this is not the place to continue
such a one-sided controversy. I am
already out in the open! If "Adver-
sarius" is so confident of himself,
why doesn't he come out and prove
his worth, instead of hiding behind a
nom de plume? My discoveries and
findings are now public property, and
time will soon prove whether I am
right or wrong. Great Scientific
Expeditions (American and British)
are proceeding to the Central Asian
Plateau to explore and investigate,
so I advise "Adversarius" to have a
little patience, and await the results
of those Expeditions, instead of
writing columns of empty effusion.
My books and supplementary pam-
phlets are now deposited in the
libraries of most of the great
Universities and Scientific and
Geographical Institutions of the
World, and it may interest
"Adversarius" to know that
I have quite recently received
a communication from the cele-
brated University of Bordeaux
France informing me that my No.
7 Pamphlet "Solution of the Dark
Mystic, of the East, and the Origin
and age of Ancient Human Bones of
the Valley of Mexico City," has been
numbered "2267," and placed in the
Library of The University, an honour
together with similar others, which I
deeply appreciate, and am proud to
record. *Facts are facts, and you can-
not "cook" them, no matter how
you try!* Will "Adversarius" be
resigned to facts? And, being a
gentleman, he must agree that I never
called him a fool, unless he has chosen
to "twist" me again, when of course
he has himself to blame!

Yours truly,

TSE TSAN TAI.

Hongkong, January 21.

FAMOUS NOVEL FILMED.

"OUT OF THE STORM" AT THE
CORONET.

When a film is adapted from a novel
so famous as Gertrude Atherton's
"The Tower of Ivory" and is pre-
sented by producers so skilled as
Samuel Goldwyn and Rex Beach,
clearly it is no ordinary photoplay.
This you will heartily agree when you
see "Out of the Storm," the latest
Eminent Author's production which
comes to the Coronet Theatre this
evening. Written by an author who
is perhaps America's most noted
romance writer, the story deals with
many intricate situations, including
the love affair of a young English
lord for a girl whose unfortunate
circumstances have made dependent
on the whim of a criminal for her
livelihood. No care or expense has
been spared to make this picture one
of the finest of its kind produced. The
shipwreck scene with a heavy thun-
derstorm raging and the waves
dashing over the decks of the
stranded vessel, is presented with
astounding realism. The fight on
the slanting deck between the young
aristocrat and a hotly stoker, dramatic
to an unusual degree, is only one
of the telling situations sketched. "Out
of the Storm" will certainly not
disappoint readers of the novel it is
adapted from. Rather will it surprise
them by its wonderful setting and
imaginative scope. Clearly it is no
ordinary photoplay.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Kudler's Services to the China Mail.)

GENOA ECONOMIC PARLEY

WILL AMERICA ATTEND?

OPINION IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

NEW YORK, January 23.

Significance is attached to a statement by the United States section of the Inter American High Commission of which Mr. Hoover, the secretary of Commerce is Chairman, as reflecting considerations likely largely to weigh with the Government in connection with its reply to the Genoa economic conference. The statement says that two major problems which must be solved before substantial rehabilitation of the world can be hoped for are readjustment of German reparation payments on a basis "calculated to be within the practical power of the Germans to pay," and reduction of the armed forces maintained by certain continental nations which expenditure involves currency inflation and which will defeat all other efforts to balance national budgets. Opinion is divided in official circles regarding the desirability of accepting the invitation to Genoa.

EGYPTIAN NATIONALIST MANIFESTO

BRITISH GOODS BOYCOTT URGED.

GOVERNMENT TAKES DRASTIC STEPS.

CAIRO, January 24.

Drastic steps followed the publication of a manifesto couched in strong anti-Arabic phraseology by members of the Egyptian delegation urging the adoption of a non-cooperation movement and boycott of English goods. The eight signatories were ordered to be arrested and all the papers which published the manifesto to be suspended.

LUNATIC ROBBED

EXTRAORDINARY POLICE COURT STORY

Before Magistrate Wood this morning a Chinese was charged with having obtained by false pretences the sum of \$31 from a Chinese woman (Mak Leong Sze) at present inmate of the Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Chester Woods, the Wardmaster, said that the defendant, accompanied by a woman, came to the asylum about 1 p.m., on December 1. Claiming that a woman patient was a relative, he said he wished to take her back to the country. The witness handed the patient over to defendant and gave him a receipt to take to the accountant of the Government Civil Hospital to get the patient's property.

Replying to the Magistrate, the witness said that the patient was admitted to the asylum about 12.30 p.m., on November 30. She was brought there by an old woman. The patient had \$30 in Canton notes and silver, and \$25 in Hongkong notes.

Proceeding, the witness said that at 1.30 p.m., on December 1 the patient was brought back to the asylum by the same woman who had her in the first instance.

By the Magistrate: The patient was still insane when taken away by the defendant.

A coolie employed at the asylum said that he accompanied the defendant and the patient to the accountant's office at the Government Civil Hospital, and saw him take delivery of the patient's property. Defendant afterwards engaged a chair for the patient.

By the Magistrate: The witness did not hear the defendant give the chair coolies any address, but he saw him give them a \$1 note.

Mr. Sung King Man, accountant at the Government Civil Hospital identified the defendant as the man who took delivery of the patient's property. The witness paid him \$66 in Canton money and \$24.50 in Hongkong money, after deducting 50 cents hospital expenses. The defendant signed the receipt in the name of Mak Wai. The witness saw a woman standing outside his office, but did not see the patient.

An amah said that the patient was her adopted daughter. The patient had had several fits of insanity, the last one on November 29. As she became worse on the 30th witness took her to the asylum. The patient had some money of her own, and this the witness handed over to the wardmaster. On December 1 the patient was brought home in a chair. One of the chair bearers gave the witness a piece of paper bearing the address. He said that it had been given to him by a man who had engaged his chair at the Civil Hospital. This was about 3 p.m. The witness immediately took the patient back to the asylum.

By the Magistrate: The witness searched the patient, but she did not have any money on her. She did not know the defendant and had never seen him before.

Defendant: You know a man named Chau Foon Chi?

Witness: Yes.

He is your adopted son?—No.

He went with you to the asylum?—Yes.

Defendant (to the Magistrate): If Chau Foon Chi did not tell me, I

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN EDWARD WALKER.

Captain Edward Walker, master of the Douglas Lane s.s. "Haiyang" died suddenly at his residence, No. 51 Nathan Road this morning. Captain Walker had been sick for about a week but his death, which is understood to have been due to dropsy, was not expected. He leaves no family, but deep sympathy will be felt for his brother who is Chief Officer of the Douglas Company's s.s. "Hailong."

Born at Liverpool 27 years ago, Captain Walker joined the C.P.R. Co. (as it was then known) as a junior officer in 1905. Three years later he came to the Douglas Company and in 1916 was given command of the s.s. "Haimun." Afterwards he was for a short time master of the s.s. "Hailong." He was appointed to the command of the "Haiyang" in 1920. Captain Walker, it will be remembered, lost his wife in the Colony about seventeen months ago.

At a meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Manchester, on September 29, it was unanimously decided to form a club which should cater especially for those people who have lived overseas.

would not have known that the girl was in the asylum.

One of the chair coolies said that a man in a long coat engaged him on December 1 to take the patient to the asylum. The man gave him a \$1 bill and a piece of paper bearing the address. The people at the address refused to admit the patient, so she was taken back to the asylum. The witness could not recognise the defendant as the man who engaged his chair.

A Chinese detective deposed to arresting the defendant in West Point yesterday afternoon. He told the Magistrate that he knew the man Chau Foon Chi, mentioned in the case. He was arrested on December 1, on suspicion of having stolen the patient's money. He was detained for one night. After enquiry was made at the asylum, he was released. He was nowhere to be found now.

Defendant, in the witness box, admitted that he took delivery of the patient's property on December 1, and signed the receipts produced. Chau Foon Chi, he said, was present. He, and not the witness, engaged the chair and gave the bearer a \$1 note and the address. There was a woman also, but the witness did not know her. He handed the money to the patient in the presence of Chau Foon Chi and the woman. This was before the chair arrived. He signed for the money on the instructions of Chau Foon Chi, whom he alleged was the instigator of the whole affair.

Addressing the defendant, the Magistrate said: I do not believe your story. I do not believe that this man Chau Foon Chi was present. I believe that you went to the asylum with the woman and took the patient out. I believe that you obtained the patient's money by false pretences, that you put her in the chair and paid the bearer and gave him the address. You then went away with the patient's money, which you kept for yourself. Six months

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

STILL NO CHANGE.

FILIPINOS FROM MANILA.

IRISH DELEGATE JAILED.

Mr. R. Sutherland, chairman of the shipping companies' committee, and the Union officials were in agreement on one point at any rate in regard to the seamen's strike this morning—that there was nothing fresh to report about it. The strikers' headquarters have now been definitely shifted to Canton and the officials who are remaining in Hongkong say that that is where future negotiations must take place. The Hongkong Government seem to have recognised this by sending Mr. A. E. Wood, chief assistant in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, to Canton to take part in a conference with Union delegates which was presided over by Governor Chen.

No justification could be discovered to-day for the rumour that the Chinese shipowners had offered to accede to the reduced scale set forth in the men's counter-demands in reply to the owners' offer. Mr. Sutherland said that the European companies had heard nothing of it, and other inquiries went to show that if any such move was made it was by individual firms and not by the Chinese shipowners as a body. A prominent Chinese businessman said to-day that the merchants in Hongkong felt very strongly that it was time the owners and the men got together again at a round table conference. He offered the further opinion that if the system of engaging seamen through stevedores were abolished the men would find themselves with a material addition to their pay without any increase being made by the companies. The system, as he explained it, is that when a fireman receiving, say, \$30 a month is engaged through a stevedore the latter gets about \$20 of his first month's wages. He suggested that some arrangement might be arrived at by which the men could be engaged direct by the companies either through the Chinese Secretariat or the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

There were 147 vessels in the harbour this morning, representing 247,453 tons of shipping. The Admiral Line steamer "Wenatchee" arrived to-day with 316 Filipinos from Manila. They will be distributed between the "Hoosier State," the "Bay State" and one or two other American vessels. The "Wenatchee" herself has no need of them as hers is an American crew. The arrival of the Filipinos does not appear to have created any stir amongst the strikers and on inquiry it was learned that the cargo coolies were working aboard her as usual.

STRIKERS' IRISH CHAMPION.

SMART SENTENCE AT MARINE COURT.

Described on the charge sheet as "unemployed seaman, 18 Praya East, county Dublin, Ireland," Daniel Edward Robinson was presented before the Marine Magistrate (Commander Beckwith) to-day on a charge of having gone unlawfully on board the s.s. "Kwang Chow" without the permission of the master or officer in charge. He pleaded guilty and was defended by Mr. W. B. Hind.

The second officer of the ship, Mr. Edmund Dennis Penhale, told the Magistrate, that at about 4.30 p.m. last Saturday he was in his cabin when he heard a steam launch come alongside. On going on deck he found the defendant at the head of the gangway. The defendant told the Chief Officer: "I have come to take your coals and stewards ashore." The Chief Officer told him that he could not do that and the defendant responded "I have instructions to take these men for my guild and I am going to do so." The Chief Officer said he should have to send for the police and the defendant replied that the police could not stop him. He proceeded to go on board and talk with the stewards and witness then went and fired rockets as well as hoisting the police signal. After the rockets were fired he saw the defendant, followed by other delegates, go into the launch which was later on taken in charge by the police. The crew had since left the ship.

To Mr. Hind: The defendant went on board about six feet.

Corroborative evidence was given by the Chief Officer, Mr. Colin Percival Miller, who said that when a number of Chinese, headed by the defendant, came up the gangway he told them they could not come aboard the ship. The defendant asked him if he was the Chief Officer and stated that he had come to take the coals and stewards ashore. Witness turned to the Chinese police and told them to order these people down the gangway but the Chinese police refused to do so. Witness then

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI LITIGATION.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24.

Two claims against G. B. Leicester were heard in the Supreme Court yesterday. The first was by a Chinese furniture dealer for goods valued at Tls 326.60. The accused disclaimed responsibility of the Eastern Steamship Company. The second claim, a similar case, was adjourned indefinitely. With regard to both claims to-day Leicester was charged criminally with alleged frauds.

MAJOR CASSEL'S CAR.

DISPUTE ABOUT REPAIRS.

MORE EVIDENCE HEARD.

Further evidence in connection with the legal dispute over the repairing of Major L. Cassel's Napier motorcar was heard by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gumpert) in the Summary Court this morning. The United Motor Company are suing Major Cassel for \$228.45 said to be due for storage, rent work done, and goods supplied and he has a counterclaim against them for \$365.00 which sets out that careless workmanship by the plaintiffs has damaged his car.

Mr. G. G. N. Tim-on is appearing to support the claim and Mr. F. G. Vaux for the defence.

Evidence was given to-day by Mr. J. B. Reeves, motor engineer, who first saw the car when it was on exhibition in London. He said that when it was handed over to him (after Major Cassel had taken it away from the plaintiffs) he made a thorough examination of it. It showed evidence of having been worked upon by somebody who had used tools that were not of the proper size and shape to assemble and disassemble the car without damaging it. Nuts, bolt-heads and screws had been damaged, also the finish of the surface of some of the parts. The petrol air pressure system was also defective and on disassembling the power pump he found evidence of its having been worked upon by some inexperienced turner and fitter. He reported the condition of the pump to Major Cassel.

Mr. Tim-on interposed at this stage to point out that he had never been supplied with definite particulars of the damage alleged to have been done. His case was, he said, that the Company never handed over the car to Major Cassel as being in proper working order but that Major Cassel went behind their back and had it over to Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Tim-on was granted a brief adjournment in order to discuss the evidence of Mr. Reeves with his clients and this afternoon he was cross-examining the witness when this edition went to press.

DIAGNOSIS BY GASPS.

HOW LONG CAN YOU HOLD YOUR BREATH?

Doctors are now asking their patients: How long can you hold your breath?

Evidence on the point is now considered important as showing the condition of your health. The Hindus are noted for their marvellous breath-holding faculties, and Eastern writers have declared that the fakirs can hold their breath for four days. This may or may not be true, but the fakirs attribute their "miraculous powers" to this breath-holding capacity.

Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Binet have found that normal adults are capable of holding their breath from forty to fifty seconds. The period varies often, since the average person is able to hold his breath longer while lying down than while sitting or standing.

The doctors found that patients suffering from chronic bronchitis were unable to hold their breath for more than approximately twenty seconds.

People with heart trouble were able to hold their breath for a considerable time, though not so long as the normal person. Those with heart trouble varied between thirty-five and nineteen seconds. In general, the more serious the trouble the shorter the period the person can hold his breath.

Command orders state that the official rate of the dollar for the month of February, for all payments fixed in sterling which have to be made in Hongkong and on the China Station will be 2/7.

signalled for the police and as soon as the first rocket was fired the defendant and the Chinese delegates left the ship hurriedly.

The Marine Magistrate found the case proved and awarded a sentence of two months' jail with hard labour. A similar charge preferred against a seaman named Ma Suo was dismissed as there was no proof that he actually went on board the steamer.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The above named steamer having arrived on Monday, 23rd January, 1922, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Monday, 30th January, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Tuesday, 31st January, 1922, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, January 23, 1922.

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Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED) ON

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ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

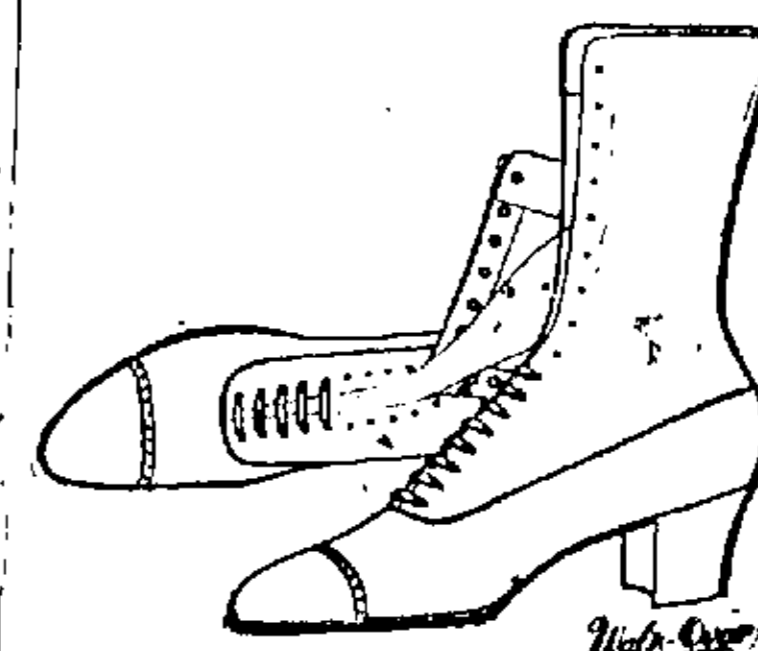
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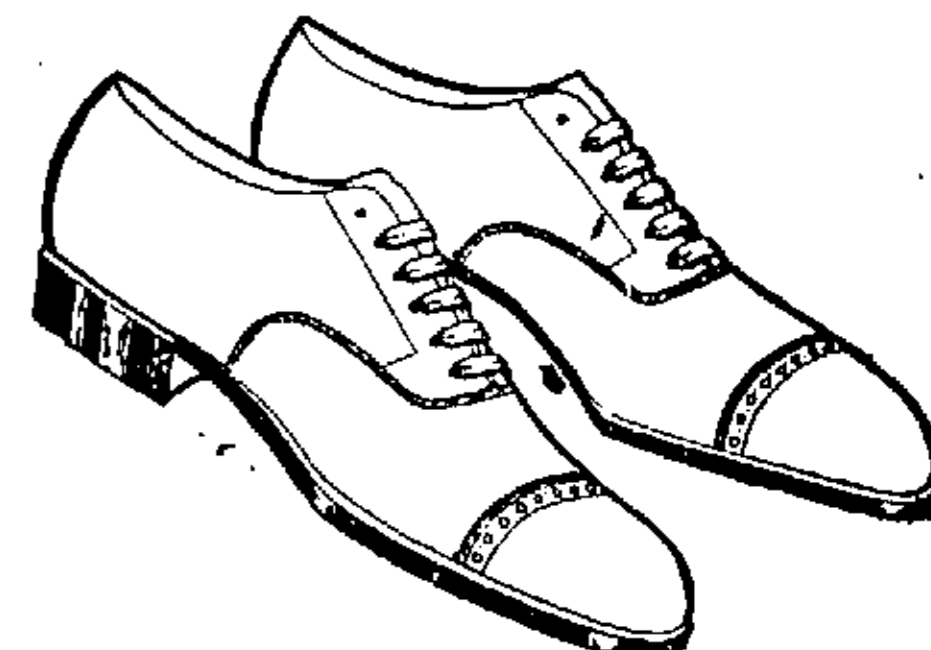
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JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

PREMIER'S ADDRESS TO THE DIET.

The Acting Consul General for Japan has received the following statement addressed by the Japanese Premier on the subject of diplomatic questions at the 46th session of the Diet on Saturday last:—

On account of the protracted illness of His Majesty the Emperor, His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince was constituted the regent in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional law on November 25 last and has since then conducted the affairs of state on behalf of his august father, a matter entirely unavoidable under the circumstances. That His Imperial Highness is endowed by nature with the wonderful gifts and the perspicacity of intelligence is known throughout the whole country. I need hardly say therefore that his assumption of the highest duties of state will undoubtedly give relief to our august sovereign and enable the whole nation to carry on their occupations peacefully. It is our most fervent prayer that by thus taking complete rest His Majesty will recover health as speedily as possible. Relations of our country with foreign powers are growing in intimacy and friendship with the progress of time, and it is cause for particular gratification in the interest of the state that in consequence of his European tour last year His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince came into direct touch with the sovereigns, authorities and peoples of every country he visited and left a most agreeable and profound impression everywhere he went, with the happy result of strengthening cordial relations with those countries.

LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

As regards the question of Limitation of Armaments as well as Pacific and War Eastern questions, the Government in acceptance of the invitation from the United States of America, sent their delegates to Washington some time ago, and are exercising their best efforts with a view to arriving at satisfactory arrangements with the Powers concerned in these subjects. In fact, agreement having for its object definite establishment of the general peace in the Pacific has already been signed while a treaty relative to limitation of armaments is on point of signature.

Actuated by a sense of justice and humanity and prompted by a strong desire for the establishment of universal peace, the Government are conducting affairs which arise in connection with the Washington Conference in accordance with the principles of justice and fairness, and fortunately through harmonious co-operation of the Powers represented at the conference the desired end is now on the verge of being in the main achieved. It is a matter of hearty congratulation that we are thus given good cause to believe that the solid foundations of the lasting peace long sought by every nation will be firmly laid as the result of the Conference.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT BRYON.

Reuter's Service to the China Mail.

LONDON, January 23.

The death is announced of Viscount Bryce, O.M., G.C.V.O.

[Viscount Bryce, of Dechmont, Lanarkshire, was born on May 10th, 1838, and was thus in his 84th year. He was barrister of Lincoln's Inn and practised till 1882. He became an M.P. in 1880 and first had a seat in the Cabinet in 1892. He was Chief Secretary for Ireland from 1905 to 1907 and between 1907 and 1913 was British Ambassador at Washington. He was honoured by numerous universities, in all parts of the world, and was the author of many books on diverse subjects.]

ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHINA.

As regards China our country has made it her guiding principle to maintain and consolidate the relations of good neighbourhood with that country and at the Washington Conference a suitable arrangement in conformity with this principle is now in the course of being reached with the interested Powers. About the Shantung question in particular, the Government, impelled by desire for speedy and satisfactory settlement, are carrying on negotiations with China in a spirit of frankness and magnanimity. As for Siberia it is the earnest desire of the Government that political stability and order should be restored in that region as soon as possible enabling us to withdraw all our troops now stationed there. Further, the Government in compliance with the wishes of the China Government are conducting negotiations with them at Dairen in regard to the questions of commerce and other matters.

As a result of the reduction of armaments to be agreed upon at the Washington Conference, it is expected that there will be a certain surplus in finances of the state and it is incumbent upon us to consider carefully in advance as to means of disposing of such surplus. The Government are contemplating to employ it in such manner as to increase the amount of subsidy to be given toward primary school funds and the expenses for improvement of waterways.

Gentlemen, as principal member of the League of Nations as well as of the Washington Conference, the influence of our country in the councils of the world is increasingly apparent with the result of corresponding increase in the weight of our responsibilities. It is expected that with the reduction of armaments as the fruit of the Washington Conference, the nations of the world will devote their energies to the development of their trade and industry as well as to the promotion of their general culture. In such a moment as this, our country, having regard to her position in the world, should further improve her means of traffic and communications and develop her trade and industry with a view to holding her own in the economic competition of the world and contributing to the progress of civilisation.

SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

I.R.C. 1st XI v C.S.C.C. 1st XI.

The above match was played at Causeway Bay on Saturday last resulting in a win for the visitors, who notwithstanding that they were without Wood and de Rome and were only playing ten men, annexed the points rather easily.

The C. S. captain won the toss and decided to bat, opening the innings himself accompanied by Reid. The wicket played badly and neither were comfortable, but managed to put together 43 before being separated. Fincher arriving saw Reid out for 23, to be followed in by Edmonds. Fincher made 51 before being caught on the boundary: quite a useful innings considering the conditions. Edmonds retired for 20, pretty sore about the body one would think considering the number of balls he stopped. Ling's 11 was the only other double figure innings. A total of 139 was on the board at the finish. S. H. Ismail took 4 wickets for 17. The fielding of I. R. C. was much below their usual form, no less than seven catches being missed during the innings.

Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail appeared first for the home team and made a good start, 45 showing when the first wicket fell. Things then went badly for them, Curreen's 17 being the only other useful score, and the side were all out for 77. Reid and Hamilton bowled right through the match for the Civil Service. Both secured 5 wickets for 28 and 46 runs respectively.

Scores:

C.S.C.C. 1st XI		
G. R. Sayer, b M. H. Abbas	20	
E. B. Reid, c S. A. R. Ismail, b Arculli	23	
E. C. Fincher, c S. E. Ismail, b S. H. Ismail	51	
H. Strange, c S. A. R. Ismail, b Abbas	1	
W. H. Edmonds, b A. H. Rumjahn	20	
F. Ling, b S. H. Ismail	11	
R. C. Witsell, not out	7	
E. W. Hamilton, c F. M. Arculli, b A. H. Rumjahn	0	
F. Sutton, b S. H. Ismail	1	
J. C. Fletcher, l.b.w., b S. H. Ismail	0	
Extras	5	
Total	139	

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Arculli	8	0	37	1
Abbas	10	0	33	2
Curreen	5	0	25	0
*F. M. Arculli	2	0	9	0
Rumjahn	3	0	13	2
S. H. Ismail	3	0	17	4
*Bowled 2 wickets.				

I. R. C. 1st XI.

A. H. Rumjahn, c Strange, b Reid	23
S. A. R. Ismail, b Reid	22
S. H. Ismail, b Hamilton	0
S. W. Ismail, c Fincher, b Hamilton	2
M. H. Abbas, l.b.w., b Hamilton	0
S. A. Ismail, c Ling, b Hamilton	2
A. L. Arculli, c and b Reid	17
J. S. Curreen, b Hamilton	4
D. Rumjahn, not out	0
O. Ismail, b Reid	2
F. M. Arculli, b Reid	2
Extras	3
Total	77

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reid	14	0	28	5
*Hamilton	13	0	46	5
*Bowled 1 wide and 1 no bat.				

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MR. HARRY ORE'S FIFTH RECITAL.

His fifth recital illustrating the historical development of piano music, given in the City Hall yesterday afternoon, found Mr. Harry Ore's popularity diminished not a jot, rather if anything enhanced. Playing with his customary skill and appreciation, Mr. Ore gave fine interpretations of pieces from the "earlier modern composers," namely Brahms (1833-1897), Grieg (1843-1907) and Cesar Franck (1822-1890). In the last composer's Sonata for piano and violin—(a) allegretto ben moderato, (b) allegro (c) recitativo-fantasia, and (d) allegro poco mosso—the violin part was ably played by Mr. F. Gonzales. The other items, for all of which Mr. Ore received warm applause from the large audience, were as follows:—

- (a) Variations on a Hungarian theme, op. 21
- (b) Intermezzo E-flat major, op. 117
- (c) Rhapsody E-flat major, op. 119

GRIGG.

- (a) Norwegian Peasant March
- (b) Folk Song
- (c) Cradle Song
- (d) Canon
- (e) Scherzo
- (f) Journeying Homewards
- (g) Brooklet
- (h) Evening in the Mountains
- (i) Wedding Day

The dates of VI. Recital (Russian Composers) and VII. and VIII. Recitals (Modern Composers) will be announced later.

[SHADOWS BEFORE.]

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 24.—Coronet Theatre, "Out of the Storm." Hongkong Theatre, "Short Skirts." World Theatre, "Man Trackers." Kowloon Theatre, "Cabaret Dance."

February 4.—Warwick Comedy Company, Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

January 23.—Victoria Recreation Club Masked Fancy Dress Dance.

February 10.—The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, annual ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

January 30.—Victoria Recreation Club Scratch Regatta, Black Boulder Point.

February 20.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, first day. The Challenge Cup.

February 21.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, second day. The Hongkong Derby.

February 22.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, third day. The Champion Stakes.

February 25.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, fourth day. The Hongkong Handicap.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES.

January 26.—Hughes and Hough, household furniture, No. 6 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.

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February 7.—Hughes and Hough, firewood, packing cases, etc. H.M. Naval Dockyard, 9.30 a.m.

February 8.—Lammett & Co., leasehold property at Pak Tsan Heung (Kowloon). Sales rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 26.—West Point Building Co., Ltd. (11.30 a.m.) The Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd. (11.45 a.m.): The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. (noon); and The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. (12.25 p.m.) The offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Ltd.

February 1.—Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting, to consider resolution increasing capital from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000. Hongkong Hotel, noon.

February 3.—The West Point Building Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting to consider resolution "that the company be wound up voluntarily." Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 4.—Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., ordinary annual general meeting. Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

February 8.—The Nancy Moller Steamship Co., Ltd., creditors' meeting. Offices of Seth, Mancell and McLure, 7 Avenue Edouard VII Shanghai, 4 p.m.

February 7.—The Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd. Union Building, noon.

February 10.—The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., 23rd. ordinary general meeting. Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, noon.

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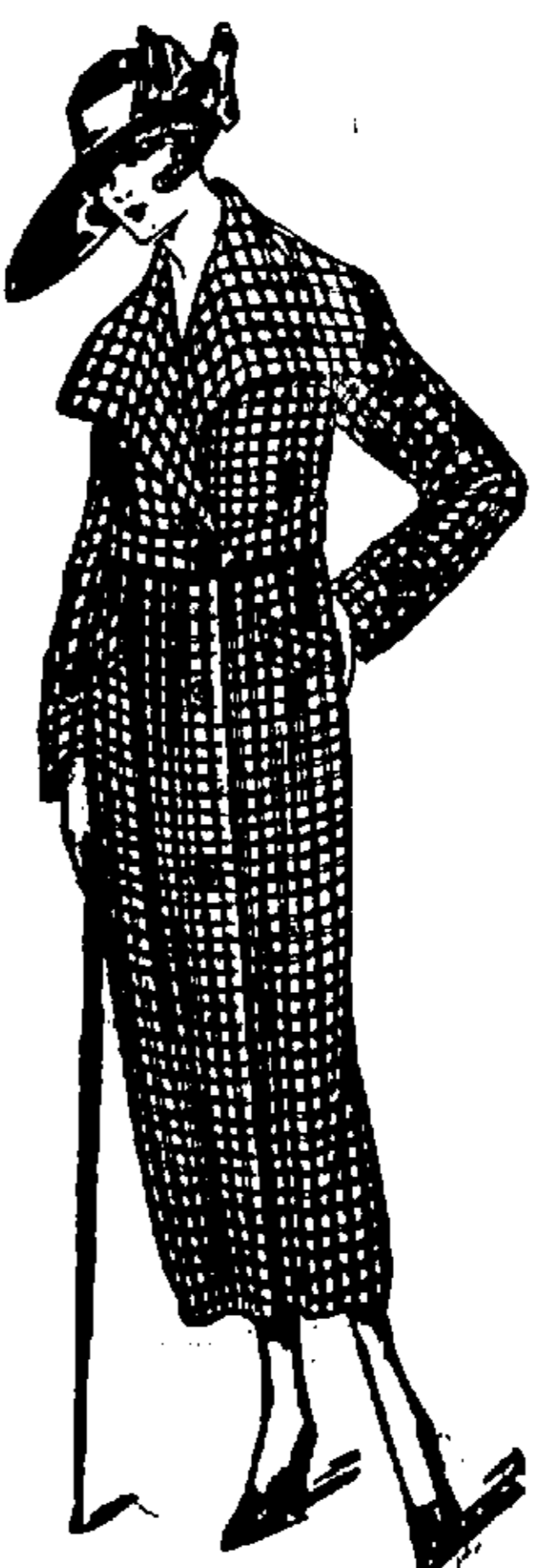
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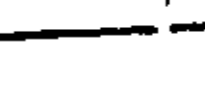
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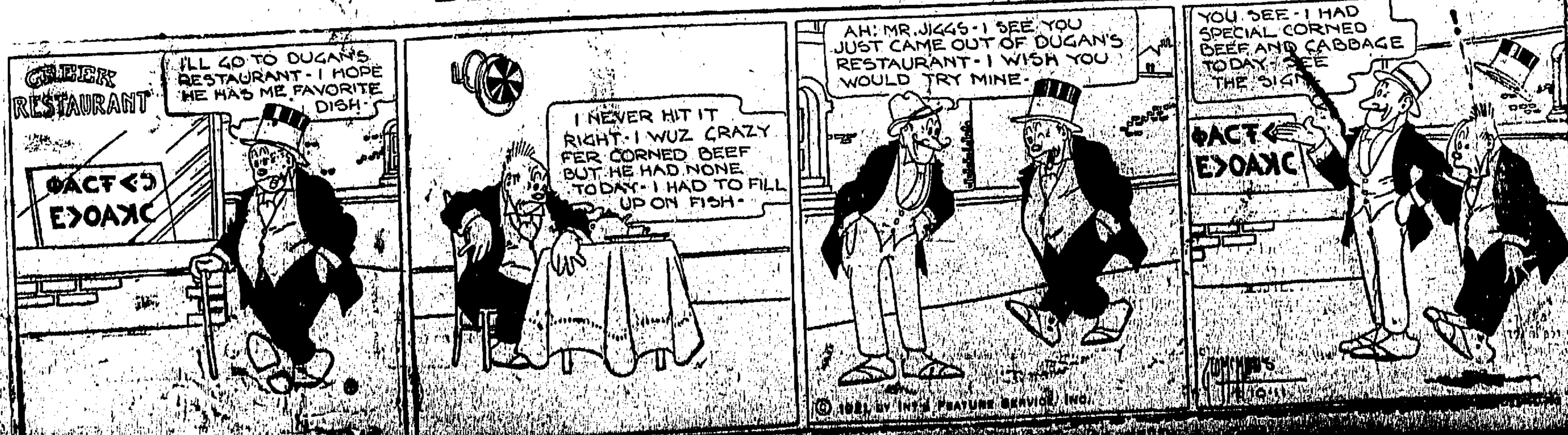
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Canton, Kowloon, Samsui and Wanchow		
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25.		
Hongkong	Tenno Maru	8 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Fuzhou via		
Shanghai, Japan, via Kobe, Hongkong		
Canada, United States, Central and		
South America & EUROPE via SAN		
FRANCISCO. Registration 9.45 a.m. Let-		
ters 10.30 a.m.	Hoosier State	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26.		
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada,		
United States, Central and South		
America & EUROPE via VIC-		
TORIA, R.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Let-		
ters 9.30 a.m.	Wenatchee	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Shanghai & North China	Aldabi	11 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 30.		
Philippine Islands	Bay State	9 a.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.		
Shanghai, North China, Dairen, Japan,		
Honolulu, Canada, United States, Cen-		
tral & South America & EUROPE		
via SAN FRANCISCO. Registration		
9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Siberia Maru	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.		
Marques, South Africa, India via		
Dhannakhodi, Aden, Egypt		
ETROPE via Marseilles. Registra-		
tion 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Kashmir	
The Parcel Mail will be closed on		
Tuesday, the 31st inst. at 5 p.m.		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

LOST IN THE FOG.

COACHFUL OF MOURNERS
 LANDED IN A GARDEN.

So thick was the fog in Norwich recently that a funeral lost its way, and eventually had to be postponed. At a quarter past three in the afternoon the funeral procession, consisting of a hearse and six coaches, started on its way. From the Catton district of Norwich, where the house was situated, to the cemetery is a little over two miles, but it was 5 o'clock before the cortege arrived, and quite dark.

Soon after it set out, the city was plunged into a black fog which blocked out everything. One of the mourning coaches entirely lost its direction and wandered into a private garden. The occupants were obliged to get out and grope their way on to the cemetery. When at length the funeral party reached the burial place, it was too late

for the ceremony to be performed. The body was accordingly carried into the chapel, where it remained all night. As it was hopeless to find the way back, the horses were taken from the hearse and led to their stables.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Wakasa Maru" (Bombay Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji on Jan. 23 and is expected here on Jan. 30.

The s.s. "Pahm" which sailed from Liverpool on Jan. 21 for ports in the Far East is expected in Hongkong in the beginning of March.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Goods from the s.s. "Asia" not cleared by Jan. 31 will be subject to the bonded cargo will be examined the same day at 10 a.m. Agents—Messrs. and Bankers, Ltd.

Cargo from the s.s. "Siberia Maru" not cleared by Jan. 30 will be subject to bonded cargo will be examined by Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. Agents—Messrs. and Bankers, Ltd.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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